# EXAMINATION REPORT of GRAYSON-CARROLL-WYTHE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY Galax, Virginia as of December 31, 2007

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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I, Alfred W. Gross, Commissioner of Insurance of the Commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of the Examination Report of Grayson-Carroll-Wythe Mutual Insurance Company as of December 31, 2007, is a true copy of the original report on file with this Bureau.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed to the original the seal of the Bureau at the City of Richmond, Virginia this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008

Alfred W. Gross

Commissioner of Insurance

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Honorable Alfred W. Gross Commissioner of Insurance Commonwealth of Virginia Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your instructions and by authority of § 38.2-1317 of the Code of Virginia, an examination of

# GRAYSON-CARROLL-WYTHE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Galax, Virginia

hereinafter referred to as the Company, has been completed. The report thereon is submitted for your consideration.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The Company is a mutual assessment property and casualty insurer licensed under Chapter 25 of Title 38.2 of the Code of Virginia. The Company was last examined by representatives of the State Corporation Commission's (Commission) Bureau of Insurance (Bureau) as of December 31, 2005. This examination covers the period from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007.

#### **HISTORY**

The Company was originally granted a charter by the General Assembly of Virginia on February 24, 1896, under the name "Grayson County Farmers Mutual Benevolent Fire Insurance Company." The name of the Company has been changed several times. In 1977, the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Wythe County, Inc., was merged into the Company and the name changed to "Grayson-Carroll-Wythe Mutual Insurance Company." The purposes for which the Company was formed, according to its amended charter, are as follows:

The Conduct of a mutual assessment fire insurance business as defined in Code Section 38.1-659 including (a) fire insurance as defined in Code Section 38.1-6 and (b)

miscellaneous property insurance as defined in Code Section 38.1-7 when such insurance is issued as a supplemental or comprehensive contract in connection with a fire insurance policy.

The doing of all acts necessary and incidental to the said conduct and carrying on of the business indemnifying the members thereof for loss of, or damage to, property, by the levying of assessments based upon past or anticipated future losses, throughout this State to the widest extent allowed by the laws of Virginia, and as amended from time to time.

The power to make, enter into, perform and carry out contracts for the foregoing purposes.

The power to issue bonds, or notes, which may be secured by deeds of trust on real estate, as well as chattel mortgages on personal property and conditional sales contracts, to purchase, or otherwise acquire the stocks, bonds, or other securities of other individuals, firms, or corporations, and to establish branches for more convenient operation of its business at any place, within the State of Virginia, and in general do all things to carry out the purposes of this corporation, not inconsistent with the law.

On October 27, 1992, the Bureau approved the merger of The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Bland County into the Company. This merger became effective March 4, 1993.

#### **MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL**

According to the Company's bylaws, management is vested in a board of directors, each of whom shall be a member of the Company. Directors are elected on a rotating basis at the annual meeting of policyholders and hold office for a period of three years. The Directors shall elect, from their members, a president and a vice president; additionally they shall elect a secretary-treasurer who may or may not be a member of the board of directors. The president and vice president hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The secretary-treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

## Directors and officers were as follows at December 31, 2007:

<u>Directors</u> <u>Principal Occupation</u>

Roger D. Burnett Employee, Vaughan Furniture

Galax, Virginia

G. Dallas Shumate Retired

Rural Retreat, Virginia

Samuel H. Cassell Retired

Wytheville, Virginia

H. Wayne Catron Insurance Salesman, AFLAC Insurance

Independence, Virginia

Grover H. Cornett, Jr. Retired

Mouth of Wilson, Virginia

Thomas H. Higgins Retired

Galax, Virginia

Joseph R. Liddle Secretary-Treasurer, Grayson-Carroll-

Wythe Mutual Insurance Company

Galax, Virginia

Officers

Roger D. Burnett President

Thomas H. Higgins Vice President

Joseph R. Liddle Secretary-Treasurer

#### TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

The Company is licensed as a mutual assessment property and casualty insurer and as such may operate in any and all areas of the Commonwealth of Virginia. However, according to its bylaws, the Company confines its business to the counties of Grayson, Carroll, Wythe, Bland, and the city of Galax.

The Company writes fire, inland marine and homeowners' coverages and presently retains \$60,000 on such risks. The Company's bylaws allow for a maximum retention of \$60,000 on any building and its contents, or group of buildings liable to burn from a single fire. All policies, with the exception of coverages for livestock and hay, contain a \$250 or \$500 deductible clause. New business solicited by agents is underwritten by the staff with final review by the secretary-treasurer who investigates and approves applications for insurance. Claims investigations and adjustments are handled by a claims adjuster, along with a final review and approval by the secretary-treasurer.

#### FIDELITY BOND AND OTHER INSURANCE

The Company had fidelity bond coverage in force at December 31, 2007, to insure against losses arising from dishonest acts of the secretary-treasurer and office employees. The bond provides coverage in the amount of \$250,000, subject to a \$10,000 deductible.

Additionally, the Company had professional liability and directors and officers coverage in force at December 31, 2007. The coverage limit was in the amount of \$1,000,000, with a \$20,000 deductible for each loss event. The Company also had commercial automobile coverage, workers compensation coverage, insurance agents errors and omissions coverage, and coverage on its office buildings and contents.

## **REINSURANCE**

The Company had the following reinsurance agreements in force at December 31, 2007:

Type of Agreement	Lines Covered	Company's <u>Retention</u>	Reinsurers' <u>Limits</u>
Underlying Excess of Loss	Property	\$60,000 each risk each loss occurrence	100% of \$60,000 in excess of \$60,000 per risk
Property First Surplus	Property	\$60,000 minimum any one risk	\$120,000 in excess of \$60,000 per risk
Casualty Excess of Loss	Liability	\$50,000 each risk each loss occurrence	\$500,000 in excess of \$50,000 per occurrence
Special Casualty Excess of Loss	Liability	\$500,000 combined net loss	100% of \$500,000 in excess of \$500,000 combined net loss, per occurrence, covering Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability including Medical Payments
Aggregate Excess of Loss	Property and Casualty	80% of subject net premiums earned or \$1,619,200, whichever is the greater, plus the remaining 10% of any excess loss recoverable hereunder	90% of an amount of such excess up to but not exceeding an amount equal to 90% of 125% of net premiums earned during the respective calendar year, or 90% of \$3,795,000, whichever is the lesser

Type of Agreement	Lines <u>Covered</u>	Company's <u>Retention</u>	Reinsurers' <u>Limits</u>
Property Facultative Pro Rata	Property	\$60,000 any one risk	\$350,000 in excess of \$60,000
Umbrella Facultative	Property and Casualty	5% of the first \$1,000,000 of ultimate net loss	95% of the first \$1,000,000; 100% of \$4,000,000 in excess of \$1,000,000

All reinsurance is placed through Guy Carpenter & Company, Inc., a reinsurance intermediary. All agreements contain an insolvency clause and a guarantee of the intermediary's credit.

#### **GROWTH OF THE COMPANY**

The following data obtained from annual statements filed with the Bureau of Insurance and from examination reports, indicates the growth of the Company for the tenyear period ending December 31, 2007:

	Year	<u>Assets</u>	-	<u>ilities</u>	Surp	
	1998	\$6,929,709		2,445	\$5,827	•
	1999	7,619,700	•	8,231	6,411	·
	2000	7,953,020	•	57,359	6,685	•
	2001	7,865,348	1,16	66,407	6,698	,
	2002	8,154,874		37,239	6,867	•
	2003	9,041,929	1,52	26,770	7,515	5,159
	2004	9,607,128	1,62	24,745	7,982	2,383
	2005	10,239,459	1,73	88,918	8,500	),541
	2006	10,751,635	1,63	34,779	9,116	,
	2007	11,511,295	1,74	18,087	9,763	3,208
	Net	Investment	Net L	osses	Number of	Insurance
<u>Year</u>	Assessments	<u>Income</u>	<u>Pa</u>	<u>id</u>	Policies Policies	<u>Inforce</u>
1997	\$1,577,926	\$336,129	\$552	,542	12,858	\$593,531,860
1998	1,656,748	392,005	501	,188	12,930	648,350,368
1999	1,725,997	384,137	646	,034	13,290	705,828,822
2000	1,775,950	441,598	673	,650	11,329	756,981,262
2001	1,811,622	357,685	619	,769	11,482	821,207,032
2002	1,981,833	275,961	670	,663	11,745	909,829,003
2003	2,057,210	339,886	623	,691	12,173	1,011,381,745
2004	2,201,820	431,782	845	,867	12,275	1,071,662,551
2005	2,333,666	426,835	926	,001	12,181	1,103,433,199
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	<b>.</b>	Loss and Lo			Other	Net
	Premiums	Adjustment Exp	enses		erwriting	Underwriting
Year	Earned	Incurred	2		ses Incurred	Gains or (Losses)
*2006	\$2,458,112	\$1,089,950		-	243,612	\$124,550
2007	2,744,662	921,431	I	1,4	486,884	336,347

<sup>\*</sup>The Company begain filing a NAIC Property and Casualty Annual Statement as of December 31, 2006. Prior to 2006, the Company filed a Bureau-developed Mutual Assessment Property and Casualty Annual Statement.

#### **SCOPE**

This is a full scope financial condition examination initiated and conducted under the provisions of Article 4, Chapter 13 of Title 38.2 of the Code of Virginia. The examination covers the period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2007. Assets were verified and liabilities were established at December 31, 2007. A review of income and disbursements for the period was made to the extent deemed necessary.

The items comprising the Balance Sheet had medium or low risk assessment as determined from the principles of the risk-based examination approach contained in the *National Association of Insurance Commissioners Examiners Handbook*. Analytical review procedures were applied to non-material items.

In addition, the following items were reviewed, several of which are discussed separately under their respective captions in this report:

History
Management and Control
Employees' Welfare and Pension Plans
Fidelity Bond and Other Insurance
Territory and Plan of Operation
Growth of the Company
Reinsurance
Accounts and Records
Financial Statements

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There follows a statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2007, a statement of income for the period ending December 31, 2007, a reconciliation of capital and surplus for the period under review, and a statement of cash flow for the period ending December 31, 2007. The financial statements are presented in accordance with Statutory Accounting Principles.

# **ASSETS**

-	Assets	Non Admitted Assets	Net Admitted Assets
Bonds	\$8,106,309		\$8,106,309
Preferred stocks	977,080	(22,920)	1,000,000
Common stocks	1,642,380	9,230	1,633,150
Real estate	377,606	9,137	368,469
Cash and short-term investments	228,651		228,651
Investment income due and accrued	112,064		112,064
Uncollected premiums and agents' balances	,		ŕ
in course of collection	18,684		18,684
Amounts recoverable from reinsurers	43,968		43,968
Furniture and equipment	48,542	48,542	
Aggregate write-ins:			
Prepaid expenses	25,573	25,573	
Agency commissions receivable	22,552	22,552	
Deferred acquisition costs	517,856	517,856	
Totals	\$12,121,265	\$609,970	\$11,511,295

# **LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS**

Losses		\$56,298
Commissions payable, contingent commissions		
and other similar charges		43,048
Other expenses		32,454
Taxes, licenses and fees		16,247
Current federal income taxes		132,726
Net deferred tax liability		15,308
Unearned premiums		1,391,589
Ceded reinsurance premiums payable		60,417
Total liabilities		\$1,748,087
Unassigned funds (surplus)	9,763,208	
Surplus as regards policyholders		9,763,208
Totals		\$11,511,295

# UNDERWRITING AND INVESTMENT EXHIBIT STATEMENT OF INCOME

## UNDERWRITING INCOME

Premiums earned	\$2,744,662
Deductions: Losses incurred Loss expenses incurred Other underwriting expenses incurred	\$901,281 20,150 1,486,884
Total underwriting deductions	\$2,408,315
Net underwriting gain	\$336,347
INVESTMENT INCOME	
Net investment income earned Net realized capital gains	\$480,673 63,528
Net investment gain	\$544,201
OTHER INCOME	
Miscellaneous income	\$103,262
Total other income	\$103,262
Net income before federal income taxes Federal income taxes incurred	\$983,810 209,473
Net income	\$774,337

# RECONCILIATION OF CAPITAL AND SURPLUS FOR PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

	2006	2007
Surplus as regards policyholders,		
December 31 prior year	\$8,500,541	\$9,116,856
Net income  Change in not unrealized capital gains	\$536,187	\$774,337
Change in net unrealized capital gains or (losses)	81,604	(145,290)
Change in net deferred income tax		14,888
Change in nonadmitted assets		134,016
Aggregate write-in for gains and (losses) in surplus		(131,599)
Previous year audit adjustment	(1,476)	
Change in surplus as regards policyholders for the year	\$616,315	\$646,352
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December 31 current year	<u>\$9,116,856</u>	\$9,763,208

# **CASH FLOW**

# **Cash From Operations**

Premiums collected net of reinsurance	\$2,807,474
Net investment income	448,821
Miscellaneous income	103,263
Total	\$3,359,558
Benefit and loss related payments	\$934,361
Commissions, expenses paid and aggregate write-ins	
for deductions	1,533,540
Federal income taxes (recovered)	(1,270)
Total	\$2,466,631
Net cash from operations	\$892,927
Cash From Investments	
Proceeds from investments sold, matured or repaid:	
Bonds	\$1,217,515
Stocks	747,584
Total investment proceeds	\$1,965,099
Cost of investments acquired (long-term only):	
Bonds	\$1,065,563
Stocks	2,020,139
Total investments acquired	\$3,085,702
Net cash from investments	(\$1,120,603)
Cash From Financing and Miscellaneous Source	es
Cash provided (applied):	
Other cash (applied)	(\$6,011)
Net cash from financing and miscellaneous sources	(\$6,011)
Net change in cash and short-term investments	(\$233,687)
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND SHORT-TERM INV	ESTMENTS
Cash and short-term investments:	
Beginning of year	\$462,338
End of year	228,651
Net change in cash and short-term investments	(\$233,687)

#### **CONCLUSION**

The courteous cooperation extended by the Company's officers and employees during the examination is gratefully acknowledged.

In addition to the undersigned, Mario A. Cuellar, CFE, Jennifer K. Crawley, CFE, and T. Bradford Earley, Jr, CFE of the Bureau participated in the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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August 12, 2008

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RE: Acknowledgement of receipt of Examination Report of December 31, 2007

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am in receipt of the above referenced examination report.

Sincerely,

UAL INSURANCE COMPANY CARROLL WYTHE MUT

President

Subscribed and sworn before me

(Notary Public)